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	CATHODE, SECONDARY-ELECTRON)	
	EMITTING SURFACE, ELECTRON)	
	TUBE, METHOD OF PRODUCTION OF)	
	PHOTO-CATHODE, METHOD OF)	
	PRODUCTION OF SECONDARY-)	
	ELECTRON EMITTING SURFACE,)	
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Sir:

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A Supplementary European Search Report dated November 8, 2006 that issued in a European patent application and having documents cited therein is attached for the Examiner's consideration. The cited documents are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 and are also attached hereto. While the Supplemental European Search Report also cites to JP55-78438, this document is not listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 because it was previously-filed in this application in an IDS on August 29, 2005.

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